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Tech. Sgt. Tyler Carpenter (left), a Rescue Course Instructor from the Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Training Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas supervises two Randolph firemen as they receive hands-on refresher training on the jaws-of-life machine April 30th at the fire training facility here. Instructors from the 312th Training Squadron conduct the 3-week-long refresher and upgrade training for firemen throughout the DoD. Photo by Steve White

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NEWS

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK OBSERVED

By Airman 1st Class Katie Hickerson
Wingspread editor

As early as the Revolutionary War, America's merchant marine carried cargo to help defend our national interests.

From the earliest modes of transportation to today's high-speed \$175-trillion-dollar transportation infrastructure in the U.S., transportation professionals across the nation work every day to ensure these many systems run smoothly and continue to protect our homeland.

This year, Randolph will recognize the annual National Transportation Week Sunday through May 17, beginning with a proclamation to be signed by the 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost.

"Our transportation system here at Randolph Air Force Base models that which you would find in a small city," said James Williams, 12th Logistics Readiness Division director. "We provide everything from school buses, military taxi, airline reservations and dispatch drivers to distinguished visitor transportation, deployment travel arrangements, staff vehicles and a pilot and crew shuttle service."

The small shop of 90 vehicle maintenance and operations employees here keeps an entire vehicle fleet ready to go at all times, while having crews on

duty six days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

"We want to recognize and celebrate the achievements and hard work of all of Randolph's transportation team," Colonel Van Ovost said. "They are the invisible piece of our operation, which keeps us moving everyday."

This year, the National Transportation Week will focus on bringing communities together through awareness about the importance of transportation through education. At Randolph, members from the 12th LRD are scheduled to meet with third- and fourth-grade elementary school children to educate them on the impact transportation has on each of their lives.

"We're looking forward to having members of the 12th LRD come to our school and talk to us," David Gibbs, Randolph Elementary School vice principal said. "They support all our needs as a school with enthusiasm, cooperation and an outstanding safety record. The children benefit from their service to and from school, but really, it's everyone who benefits from all their hard work."

America's transportation network has come a long way since its early beginnings. According to the Department of Transportation's Web site, even in the 52 years since former President Dwight D. Eisenhower began the Interstate Highway System public works project America's transportation net-

According to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service general counsel, the change from carryover of 60 days' leave to 75 days is not effective for leave lost on Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

"There is no change to current policy to carry leave forward this year," said Senior Master Sgt. Rhonda Britt, Special Programs superintendent at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Individuals need to continue to manage their leave balances in such a way as to preclude a leave balance of more than 60 days on Sept. 30."

She said servicemembers who have more than 60 days' leave Sept. 30 lose the days above 60 unless subject to the provisions of special leave accrual.



Photo by Rich McFadden

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, signs the National Transportation Week proclamation Wednesday.

work has changed dramatically.

"Regardless of the mode of transportation, our most important resource are the people who make sure demands get met and requirements get filled," Mr. Williams said. "We take a lot of pride in the fact that everything we do is in support of the mission of Team Randolph."

"Transportation Requirements can change very quickly, but we take it in stride and keep on completing our mission."

Citing a hypothetical case, Sergeant Britt said a servicemember who has 63 days' leave Sept. 30 will lose three days and begin the next fiscal year with a balance of 60 days. However, a servicemember who has 75 days' leave accrued by Sept. 30, 2009, can carry over all 75 days to the following year.

But she also said the policy is not permanent; it will expire Dec. 31, 2010.

Sergeant Britt said the change applies to all military personnel, not just those deployed in support of contingencies.

"Based on the U.S. Code, it appears to apply to all members and does not require approval like special leave accrual does," she said.

Leave policy changes in 2009

By Robert Goetz
Wingspread staff writer

Servicemembers can look forward to carrying over a maximum of 75 days' leave, but the temporary change won't happen until the end of fiscal year 2009.

Design pending for new \$30 million base exchange

By Robert Goetz
Wingspread staff writer

Although many base residents and members were expecting groundbreaking for Randolph's new \$30 million base exchange to happen in May, it has been postponed until summer.

The event is waiting for completion of the final design, according to a 12th Civil Engineer Division official.

"Until the final design is completed, no ground breaking can be scheduled," said Dwight Micklethwait, chief of design and contracts. "The designers' estimate is the June-July time frame; the actual date is to be determined."

The new 169,000-square-foot BX will be built north of the current facility, which will be demolished to make way for additional parking for the

new shopping center. It will replace a structure that suffers from a "stressed" sales floor, Mr. Micklethwait said.

"The annual sales per square foot at the Randolph BX is \$611 and the average-sales-per-square-foot requirement for this size store is \$450 per square foot," he said.

Mr. Micklethwait said the new BX will also:

- Keep up with demographic growth in the community due to Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission action and the presence of more retirees.
 - Provide a safer and more convenient flow of traffic.
 - Provide one-stop shopping for Army and Air Force Exchange Service patrons.
 - Eliminate the unsightly and congested areas around the current BX and BXtra.
- He said another advantage of the new BX is that

it will be situated away from the delivery route to the base gas station. Deliveries are transported through the parking lot in front of the existing BX.

The facility will feature a retail store, a service mall, military clothing sales, a satellite pharmacy, concessions and a food court. Starbucks, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell are among the expected tenants.

Mr. Micklethwait said the base exchange will be accessible from Harmon Drive and 3rd Street West and minimal utility changes are anticipated. In addition, a pedestrian walkway will tie the BX to the commissary.

He also said construction will take about 18 months.

Mr. Micklethwait said the commissary, which recently underwent a \$10 million renovation, is not part of the project.

DOD CIVILIANS ALSO SUPPORTED

Equal Opportunity office not just for military

By Stephen Goldman
Equal Opportunity director

The Federal Equal Employment Opportunity discrimination complaint process at Randolph Air Force Base is a multi-faceted program with various avenues to address the concerns of all Randolph employees.

However, there are many critical factors and timelines that exist that employees should be aware of.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age over 40, religion, sex to include sexual harassment, physical or mental disability and reprisal or retaliation against a person who files a complaint, who participates in the EEO process or who opposes an unlawful employment practice.

All appropriated and nonappropriated fund civilian employees and applicants for employment at Randolph have the right to file a discrimination complaint with the Equal Opportunity Discrimination Complaints Office, but a critical factor in each case involves the timeline for contacting the EO office.

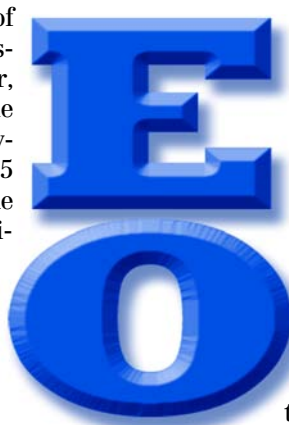
Each individual must make contact

within 45 calendar days of the event believed to be discriminatory. However, employees may elect to file under the negotiated grievance procedure within 15 work days of the date of the alleged discriminatory incident. The processes are separate, but do not allow an employee to file a grievance and a formal EEO complaint on the same issue.

The EEO process operates and gains its authority from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and is regulated by 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1614.

According to office officials, there are two main steps in the discrimination complaint administrative process. In either case, the complainant declares whether he or she wishes to file an informal or formal complaint and can go as high as the U.S. District Court. However, individual options will be explained in detail during a consult with an EO specialist.

In the informal stage of the EEO process, the complainant has the right to remain anonymous and can choose between pre-complaint counseling and



the Alternative Dispute Resolution process. At any stage of the EEO process, the aggrieved person has the right to have a representative.

The ADR process is an integral function and increases the parties' opportunities to resolve disputes before reaching the formal stage, according to one office representative. It saves manpower hours, can promote a healthy employment relationship and creates a win-win situation.

The Informal Process

- The aggrieved person contacts the EO Office for information on available options in resolving their concern.

- Counselors and mediators seek resolution through informal, fact-finding, inquiries into the claim.

- If a resolution is not reached through counseling or ADR, the employee receives a notice of their right to file a formal complaint if desired.

- The EEO Office moves the case along to the formal complaint stage for formal findings.

Formal Complaint Process

- Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the notice of right to file, a formal written complaint can be filed with the EO office.

- Accepted claims and amendments to the claim will be investigated by the Department of Defense, Civilian Personnel Management Service, Investigations and Resolutions Division.

- Dismissals can be appealed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

- IRD provides a report of investigation with an analysis of the complaint.

- The complainant can request a hearing by an EEOC administrative judge or a final Air Force decision.

- The administrative judge or the Agency will issue a final decision, which can be appealed to EEOC.

- After appeals are exhausted, the complainant can file a civil action if they so choose.

According to office representatives, the process is quite in-depth, so timeliness in contacting the EO office and the use of ADR to resolve your complaint is critical.

For details on EO and ADR processes or to file a complaint, call 652-3749, or visit Building 220, Room 16.

News BRIEFS

Housing office

- The Randolph Housing Asset Management Office, Building 144, will close at 10:30 a.m. today so personnel can attend the annual Civil Engineer Division picnic. The office reopens Monday.
- Effective Monday, the housing office's extended customer service hours are Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Health Advisory Council

The Health Care Consumers Advisory Council meets Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Randolph Clinic second floor large conference room. The group will discuss clinic programs and services.

OSC Scholarship Dinner

The Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club will honor the 2007-2008 scholarship winners and their parents at a scholarship dinner Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the officers' club ballroom. The guest speaker will be Cary Clack, a columnist with the San Antonio Express News.

For reservations, call Marilyn Lewis at 656-7668 or e-mail scholarships@randolphosc.org.

For more information, visit www.randolphosc.com.

563rd change of command

The 563rd Flying Training Squadron change-of-command ceremony takes place May 16 at 10 a.m. in Building 743.

Spring Fling

The Randolph Recreation Park at Canyon Lake hosts its annual Spring Fling May 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The family event is free and designed to let people experience what Canyon Lake has to offer.

During Spring Fling there will be tours of the park, a kids' area with petting zoo, pony rides and a "Create a Mural" area. Free hot dogs, chips and soda will be available from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. There will also be free paddleboat and pontoon boat rides, tattooing, Build-a-Boat, entertainment and a casting contest.

MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapet hosts its monthly luncheon May 22 at 11 a.m. at Lackland Air Force Base's Gateway Club. The speaker will be Brig. Gen. John Fobian, Air Force Reserve Command commander, 443rd Airlift Wing at Lackland AFB.

The cost is \$16 and a menu selection is available. The deadline for reservations is May 19 at noon.

For reservations, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbcglobeal.net.

ROWWC luncheon

The Retired Officers' Wives' and Widows' Luncheon is May 27 at 11 a.m. in the Ft. Sam Houston club. Newly elected officials will be in place.

For reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

Clark scholarship available to seniors

The deadline to apply for the Col. Richard M. Clark Scholarship is May 23. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors of local high schools who meet the criteria.

Applicants must have been a student at Randolph High School between January 2006 and March 2008 or had a parent who worked at Randolph AFB (military or civilian) during that time. Applicants must complete a 500-to 700-word essay and must have been an athlete who completed at least one full season in any sport during their senior year. Applications are available through unit first sergeants and commanders.

Completed applications can be e-mailed to glenda.solomon@randolph.af.mil or mailed or brought to: Glenda Solomon; 1 Washington Circle, Ste. 3; Bldg. 100, Rm. 203; Randolph AFB, TX, 78150.

CPR instructors needed

Ft. Sam Houston needs certified Red Cross CPR instructors to assist with a June 7 event from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-5 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, call 221-5554 or 582-1939.

Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or
e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

Lead different generations with appropriate strategies

By Col. Tammy Livingood
437th Maintenance Group commander

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. - During a briefing recently, it became obvious from the follow-on discussion that it can be quite a challenge to lead and motivate different generations of Airmen.

It became apparent to me that situations and scenarios that appeared abnormal to one generation could easily be seen as not only normal, but actually closer to today's reality if observed by someone from the millennial generation.

One size definitely does not fit all when it comes to motivating or leading others. Some people are eager to volunteer for a task, while others have to be directed. Try to organize a team of people from various generations and lead that team on a project. And just when you think you have all the right people in place, all they do is disagree about everything, even the basic task, which consumes both time and energy, often getting nowhere.

Nearly 50 percent of the Air Force joined after 2001. Changing times have forced leaders to find new ways to adapt as younger Airmen who have different views on lifestyle, authority and traditions join our nation's Air Force. In order to be successful, we have to learn how to coexist and communicate with all generations.

Experts define "generation" as a group of people who share the same formative experiences. These experiences bind people who are born in contiguous years into a demographic by using a common statistic such as birth year.

Generally, the current workforce can be divided into four generations.

The Veteran Generation (born 1926-1945) - Generally, they have a practical outlook, a dedicated work ethic, a respect for hierarchy and leadership and a penchant for self sacrifice. Strategy: Provide proactive technology support and services, take time to give them a personal touch like a hand-written note instead of an e-mail, explain the reasoning behind decisions, put value to their experience and verbally and publicly acknowledge their experience.

The Baby Boom Generation (born 1945-1964) - Typically, they are optimistic and driven. Strategy: Give them a lot of public recognition. Ask them for input; get their consensus. Reward their work ethic and long hours and demonstrate how you can use their talents.

Generation X (born 1965-1979) - They can have a skeptical outlook, a free-agent work ethic and a tendency to be unimpressed with authority. Strategy: Give them a lot of

projects. Give straightforward and constructive feedback, but resist micro-managing them. Reward their initiative and give them time to pursue other interests and have fun at work. They want independence.

Generation Y or the Millennial - Many are still developing with a cautious yet optimistic outlook on life. They are dedicated to people, projects and ideas. Strategy: Learn about their personal goals and interests and make opportunities truly equal and forget about traditional gender roles. Open avenues for education and skill building. Establish mentor programs and remember their need for flexibility and work-life balances. They use various communication and technology methods to communicate like text messaging and Web pages.

In order to avoid cross-generational disconnects and to encourage young Airmen to succeed in new leadership roles, it is important to understand the perspectives and motivations of each generation. Leaders need to know the fundamental reasons for individual behavior and, once

armed with that knowledge, use it to inspire cooperation, commitment and teamwork.

A common conflict among members of different generations is different perspectives on work-life bal-

ances. Older people may equate the desire for work-life balance with a lack of professionalism while younger people don't see this balance as interfering with their work or career decisions. Another example which often results in communication problems is a difference of opinion about what constitutes appropriate behavior.

As Air Force leaders, I think we all need to be more in tune with how each generation works, lives, operates and communicates. If we don't have this information and know how to use it as part of our skill set, we, as leaders and supervisors, will not be able to really understand what motivates Airmen to do the Air Force's mission and how to really make them into or be part of a cohesive team or unit regardless of size or mission.

Think about your organization. I'm sure you can immediately recognize there are several "generations" of Airmen in your units. They all have different goals, interests, work ethics and things that motivate them. Now imagine trying to form a good team with excellent communication and organizational skills. This task sometimes can be difficult without understanding "where they all sit and what perspective they bring to the table."

I challenge you to think about this and share ideas and strategies with each other on how we can improve communication and be better Airmen.

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99th Flying Training Squadron trains tomorrow's instructor pilots

By David DeKunder

Wingspread staff writer

Preparing, educating and mentoring T-1A instructor pilots is a mission Randolph's 99th Flying Training Squadron takes seriously – whether it's in the classroom or in the air.

The 99th FTS, which has been based at Randolph for 15 years, oversees the qualification and requalification of T-1A instructor pilots for Air Education and Training Command's Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program.

The T-1A Jayhawk is a twin-engine jet trainer used to instruct specialized undergraduate pilots who are in the advanced phases of training. The jet has cockpit seating for an instructor and two students. Pilots who are being instructed in the T-1A have been selected to fly airlift or tanker aircraft like the C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III, C-5 Galaxy or the KC-135 Stratotanker.

Lt. Col. Dave Cox, 99th FTS operations officer, said the squadron's task is plain and simple.

"We train the trainers," he said. "We are preparing our pilots to be teachers and honing their skills so they can become instructors."

For Airmen to become T-1A instructor pilots, they go through a four-month course including 170 hours of academic and ground training, 16 hours in a simulator and 70 hours of flying training.

The 99th FTS conducts three to four courses at a

time, each of which have eight students.

Colonel Cox said the soon-to-be instructor pilots are taught how to do fundamental flying procedures such as low-level air drops, formations and air refueling.

But the colonel said the most important part of the course is teaching instructor pilots through simulation how to react to what student pilots will do in the air.

"During training, we simulate that we are undergraduate pilot training students," Colonel Cox said. "We teach the instructor pilots how to react to student errors and mistakes and what they need to do to keep themselves, their students and the airplane safe while they are instructing. Some of what the UPT students do in a plane is so dangerous we can't teach it in a plane. What we can't do in a plane we do in a simulator, which gives the instructor pilot a realistic view of what to do."

Captain Ferdinandsen, an instructor pilot trainee, has close to 1,700 flying hours, having piloted a KC-135 Stratotanker in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and was a KC-135 instructor pilot at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

After completing the course, Captain Ferdinandsen said he will be an instructor pilot at Columbus AFB, Miss., for three years.

"I enjoy teaching," the captain said. "The course is good because the instructors put you through



Photo by Steve White

Capt. Jamie Gray, left, a T-1A student instructor pilot, goes over the basics of flying a T-1A in a simulator.

various errors students tend to make in flight. The course is jam-packed. It is a pretty intensive course with a lot of studying and training going into it."

Second Lt. Mark Thompson, instructor pilot trainee, has 300 hours in the air, which include Primary Pilot Training in the T-6A Texan II at Vance AFB, Okla. He said the 99th FTS instructors have done all they can to make sure he had a chance to succeed.

"Getting selected as an instructor pilot is like becoming part of a brotherhood," Lieutenant Thompson said. "The instructors try to help and mentor you in any way they can."

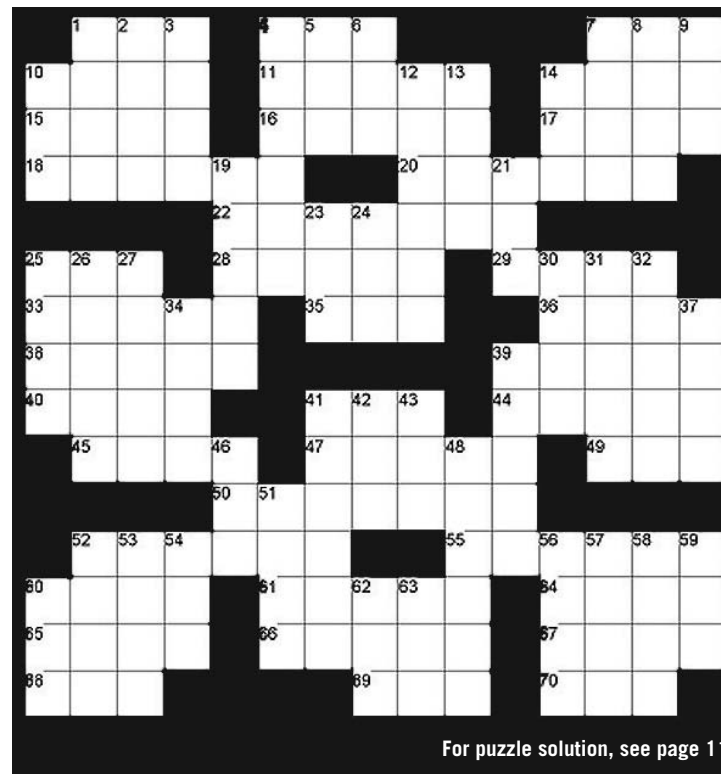
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1. Fuel
4. Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator
7. Black-and-white diving bird
10. Silence
11. Open grazing areas of southern Africa
14. Intelligent
15. Online journal
16. Sleep disorder
17. Yemen port
18. "___ Famous"
20. "___ Pete" Hill; namesake for the Beehive State
22. ___ Mountains; range surrounding the Beehive State base
25. Sheep's cry
28. European island people
29. NY team
33. City home to the Beehive State base; part of OO-ALC
35. DHL competitor
36. Stick in one's ___; cause considerable or abiding resentment
38. Non-Polynesian, especially a Caucasian
39. Task
40. Barbecue item
41. Dine
44. Joe ___; U.S. boxer, world heavyweight champion 1937–49
45. Desire
47. Beehive State city
49. Explosive combo
50. Violent, intense struggles
52. Col. Morris ___; first commander of Beehive State base
55. Put in order
60. Satellite of Jupiter that is ninth in distance from planet
61. African country
64. Axaan employee
65. The Beehive State
66. Contract renting land, buildings, etc., to another
67. Being nothing more nor better than
68. Female's leg
69. Young child
70. Music holders

DOWN

1. California ___; state bird of the Beehive State
2. Smallest element
3. ___ Lily; flower of the Beehive State
4. Incarnation of a Hindu deity in human or animal form
5. Lively spirits or energy; vigor; animation
6. USAF deployment code
7. Military assistant to a general officer
8. Exercise or enjoyment of a right or property
9. Barbie's pal
10. Advanced degree for accountants
12. Farthest, innermost or extreme parts or states
13. Fine-grained mineral having a soft soapy feel
14. Path
19. Pig
21. Unit of resistance
23. Carbondale school, in brief
24. Killer snake
25. 1922 Nobel prize Danish physicist Neils
26. Over
27. Sun-dried brick made of clay and straw
30. Sound reflection
31. Rainbow ___; Beehive State fish
32. Poisonous liquid used as in chemical warfare
34. Otherwise
37. Direction of Beehive state in relation to Washington, D.C.
39. Maj. Gen. Kathleen ___; OO-ALC commander
41. Person or thing that absorbs something freely
42. Decorative vase
43. Hawaiian dish made of taro root
46. Water barricade
48. Aired
51. Scottish Celt or Highlander



For puzzle solution, see page 11

52. Second letter of the Greek alphabet
53. Cheese type
54. Stadium cheer
56. USAF MAJCOM the Beehive State base is assigned
57. Fastened
58. Mistakes
59. Formerly
60. Carry around
62. Tibetan stocky, shaggy-haired wild ox
63. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet

(Courtesy of Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs)

MISCELLANEOUS

• **Tops In Blue**

Tops in Blue will perform at Randolph AFB on May 20 at 8 p.m. between Hangars 4 and 5. There will be bleacher seating as well as folding chairs. Seating is on a first come basis. However, guests may bring blankets and portable chairs and beverages will be available for purchase. Doors will open no earlier than 45 minutes prior to show time.

The highly acclaimed 2008 edition of TOPS IN BLUE is entitled "Deja Blue." You'll hear hot Latin sounds, all-American country music and experience the great music from your favorite movies and Broadway shows.

The 2008 Tops in Blue tour is proud to be sponsored by Ashford University, Coca-Cola and AT&T. Additionally, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union is a proud sponsor of the performance at Randolph AFB. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

• **AETC welcome home program**

Military personnel who have deployed from an AETC base for over 120 days in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM or Operation ENDURING FREEDOM have an opportunity to register to win \$2,500 travel vouchers which may be redeemed for a vacation. Visit the Airmen and Family Readiness Center in building 693 to find out more about the program.

Military members who returned from deployments in CY 07 through May 08 and their family members are invited to a "Welcome Home Pool Party" on May 23 from 5-8 p.m. at the Center Pool and officers' club deck. There will be pool games, free food, pay-as-you-go bar & prizes.

The AETC Welcome Home Program is sponsored in part by USAA, Anheuser-Busch and EG&G/LSI. Additionally, the Drury Inn is a local sponsor of this program and has provided three nights in their hotels. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

12th Services Briefs

ENLISTED CLUB - 652-2056

• **Latino night**

Enjoy Latin music on May 16 at 5 p.m. in the Niteclub. There will be a taco bar with all the toppings and frozen margaritas for the ridiculously low price of \$2!

FITNESS CENTER - 652-2955

• **Beginner strength training class**

The beginner strength training class on May 23 from 11 a.m. to noon will help improve your workouts and teach you the benefits of weight training for overall fitness.

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

• **May golf and lunch special**

For only \$25 you will get a round of golf with cart and lunch on the Tee Time deck every Monday in May. Savor a tasty hamburger, chips and a beverage while enjoying the beautiful Texas spring weather.

• **Free golf advice**

During May Mr. Brian Cannon will be available at the driving range on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-6 p.m. and Mr. Troy Gann will be at the driving range on May 12 and 19 from noon to 1 p.m. to give you tips on how to improve your swing and to answer any questions.

• **May Tee Time Deck customer celebration**

Head to the Tee Time Deck on May 15 at 4 p.m. for \$2 well drinks & \$5 pitchers. You can also meet the new golf superintendent and take a spin on the Services prize wheel.

OFFICERS' CLUB - 652-4864

• **May "Grill Masters" Thursdays**

Come to the officers' club on May 15 from 5:30-8 p.m. to cook your own steak or chicken. The cost is \$10 (members) or \$12 (nonmembers) for an 8 oz steak, \$12 (members) or \$14 (nonmembers) for a 10 oz steak or \$8 (members) or \$10 (nonmembers) for a chicken breast. All the entrees come

with a baked potato, vegetable & dessert.

You can also enter to win daily Six Flag Texas passes for a family (up to four people).

RANDOLPH RECREATIONPARK AT CANYON LAKE - 1-800-280-3466

• **Spring Fling**

You are invited to check out the Randolph Recreation Park at Canyon Lake, Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the treats in store for you are tours of the facilities and park, a kid's area with a petting zoo, pony rides and a "Create a Mural" area. Free hotdogs, chips, and soda will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be free paddleboat & pontoon boat rides, a casting contest, a band and a "Build-a-Boat" contest at noon.

This event is sponsored in part by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call 652-6508.

YOUTH CENTER - 652-3298

• **Youth Employment Skills (YES) program**

The YES program is open to active duty Air Force dependents in 9th-12th grades. Registered teens can "bank" \$4 per volunteer hour (up to \$1,000) by volunteering through the Air Force Aid Society sponsored program. Teens are placed in a Randolph AFB organization to gain valuable skills.

The Junior Volunteer Program is open to teens between ages 14-18 that are not eligible for the "YES" program but would like to gain valuable work experience. Teens can register at the Youth Center between now and May 31. Randolph base agencies interested in using responsible teens or teens with questions can call 652-3298 for more information.

2008 Season Pool Passes on Sale May 13!

AT INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL - BLDG. 897

\$35 per person for an individual

\$75 per family of three

\$18 for each additional child

16th Annual

MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC



May 24-26

Participants rotate between the Randolph and Lackland golf courses. Entry forms are available at both golf courses. Interested golfers may also download the entry form by visiting <http://www.aetcsv.us/programs.htm>.

Deadline for entries is May 16.

Open play tee times will be available for personnel unable to participate in the tournament.

The tournament is sponsored by Budweiser's Silver Eagle Distributors of San Antonio. No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended.

COMMUNITY

Spring Fling highlights Canyon Lake park

By David DeKunder
Wingspread staff writer

Base families can experience a weekend getaway for a day when the 12th Services Division hosts its seventh annual Spring Fling May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Randolph Recreation Park at Canyon Lake.

Admission to the family-oriented event is free and open to active-duty personnel, including Department of Defense civilians, family members and contractors.

Steve Knechtel, 12th Services Division business operations manager, said the purpose of Spring Fling is to encourage Randolph personnel and their families to come out to the park.

"Spring Fling is an opportunity for us to showcase the park for the upcoming summer season,"

Mr. Knechtel said. "This is an opportunity for base members to experience what is available at the park."

Spring Fling will have many activities for children and adults to participate in. There will be a children's area with a petting zoo, pony rides and a "Create a Mural" area, free paddle and pontoon boat rides, a Build-a-Boat contest, tattooing, a casting contest, a roping contest, a scavenger hunt and entertainment from 1-3 p.m.

Tours of the park will be offered and free hot dogs, chips and refreshments will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

People will be able to visit

the information booths at the event, which will have information on updated services at the park, boater safety and sun protection.

The Randolph Recreation Park has amenities and facilities for picnicking, camping and boating and has cabins and a beach area.

Sharon Rector, former 12th Services Division business operations manager who helped put on Spring Fling for the past few years, said Spring Fling is a good way for families to do something together outdoors.

"Spring Fling is good family fun," Ms. Rector said. "It gives parents the opportunity to get their kids out of the house and show them another outlet for family fun and group activities."

Mr. Knechtel said Spring Fling is a good opportunity for kids to come out, get active and get some exercise.

"I think it is a healthy alternative for family fun," he said. "It gets families out in the sun, into the fresh air for some

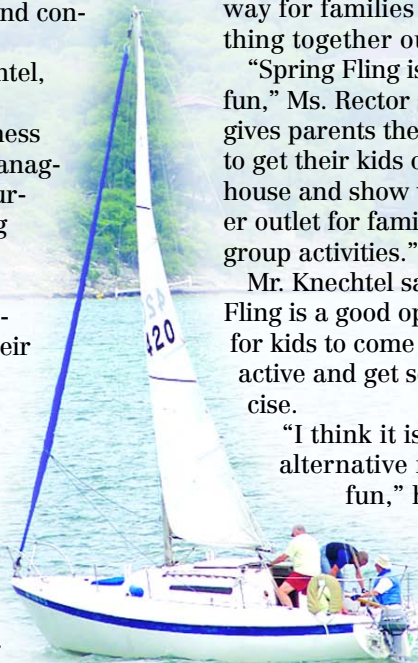
exercise and gets them away from the TV."

Ms. Rector said 12th Services has been able to put on Spring Fling, which brings out an average of 1,400 to 1,500 people a year, because of the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

"Volunteers are the ones that make an event of this magnitude successful," she said. "They are really awesome."

The Randolph Recreation Park is located at 781 Jacobs Creek Park Road, just off FM 306 at Canyon Lake.

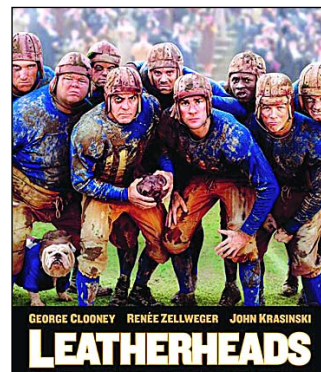
For more information about Spring Fest, contact Mr. Knechtel at 652-6508.



MOVIES

Randolph Movie Theater - 652-3278

Adults - \$4.00 Children (11 yrs. and under) \$2.00



"Leatherheads"

George Clooney, Renee Zellweger
Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 114 min.



"Superhero Movie"

Drake Bell, Sara Paxton
Sunday, 3 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 85 min.

Community BRIEFS

RANDOLPH CHAPEL - 652-6121

• Chapel schedule

For a complete chapel schedule, visit www.randolph.af.mil and click the "chapel" link on the right side.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER - 652-5321

• Spouse appreciation event

The A&FRC and base commissary are hosting a free event to show their appreciation for military spouses at the Randolph Commissary today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes an opportunity to meet 12th Flying Training Wing officials, \$550 in shopping spree giveaways, demonstrations of the Health and Wellness Center's massage chair and free food.

For details, call 652-5321.

• Dads 101 Boot Camp

A Dads 101 Boot Camp class is offered May 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the A&FRF conference room. The class covers common concerns among new fathers. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday.

To sign up, e-mail Debra Spencer at debra.spencer@randolph.af.mil or call her at 652-3340.

EDUCATION - 652-5964

• Education center

Capt. Paul Hoff, Det 840 Texas State University at San Marcos, will be at the Randolph Education Center, Bldg. 208, Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for up-to-date information on Air Force ROTC programs, requirements and the application process.

For more information, visit www.afrotc.txstate.edu/mambo.

Captain Hoff can be reached by e-mail at Ph28@txstate.edu or call (512) 245-2182.

• Park University

Registration for the summer term runs through May 30 and classes start June 2. Course schedules for summer are posted online at www.park.edu/Course/index.aspx.

Introduction to Math (MA105) is offered in an eight-week format that can be used to complete the math requirement for CCAF.

For more information, e-mail rand@park.edu or visit Building 208, Room 5.

• Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's summer term runs from May 26-Aug. 9. New students can register in person beginning Monday.

For details, call 945-8379 or visit Building 208, Room 11.

• ACCD

Registration for the Alamo Community College District Maymester, summer and fall terms are still underway. Visit www.accd.edu/spc/admin/extsvcs to see the selection of hybrid classes scheduled for Randolph this fall.

For more details, call 659-1096.

• St. Mary's University

St. Mary's University summer term at Randolph begins Monday. Registration is under way. Students can now register online. The St. Mary's Randolph office is closed today and reopens on Monday.

For more information, call 658-4852 or e-mail stmurafb@att.net.

A MILITARY MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers successfully balance rigors of parenthood, military duties

By Robert Goetz

Wingspread staff writer

This Mother's Day will be different for an NCO from the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron. She'll be spending one of her first days deployed to the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, many hundreds of miles away from her young daughters.

She knows it will be difficult, but, like the countless other mothers in uniform, past and present, she also understands that being away from loved ones for extended periods is a fact of life when you serve your country. It's part of a balancing act that requires sacrifice but can bring fulfillment at home and at work.

"Trying to balance your career with being a mother and being a wife is always a challenge," said Staff Sgt. Patricia De Los Santos, NCO in charge of the commander support staff at AFOMS. "Family is the most important thing in life, but you have a job, too. You have to make sacrifices at work and at home."

Sergeant De Los Santos, a Galveston native, met the realities of the military lifestyle and motherhood head-on nearly 10 years ago when she was both a young Airman and a single parent still in her teens at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., far away from family and friends. It was the most trying time of her life.

"Being a new mom and being new to the military were rough," she said. "Both were life-changing experiences and I was having to mature and learn the ropes. But once I got my groove, everything fell into place."

Sergeant De Los Santos said she was not prepared for being a parent, but she found ample help at Edwards as she raised daughter Alyssa while attending to her military duties.

"Being young, entering the military and having a baby – that's a lot," she said. "But I was so fortunate to have people who helped me out."

Her support network included an organization for single parents, the family support center, the family advocacy center that provided birthing and parenting classes, the base clinic and co-workers.

The child development center was another valuable resource, Sergeant De Los Santos recalled. It stayed open late, which was a blessing on long work days.

"After September 11, we were doing 12-hour days, so that helped a lot," she said. "Alyssa was only 1 at the time."

Though a helping hand was always close by, Sergeant De Los Santos could also count on herself. She discovered she had innate parental skills that grew with experience and maturity.

"I've learned that I have more patience than I thought," she said. "Communication is also important. The more you communicate and reassure your children, it makes it easier."

Sergeant De Los Santos is preparing Alyssa for the deployment through communication and reassuring words, but she has help at home. Her husband, Stephen, will be looking after Alyssa and their baby daughter, 5-month-old Ava. For servicemembers and



Photo by Robert Goetz

Staff Sgt. Patricia De Los Santos, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, enjoys reading time with her daughters Alyssa (right) and Ava.

their spouses, sacrifices and triumphs are shared.

Like Sergeant De Los Santos, Tech. Sgt. Kallie Beinhower leaned on a support system during her first pregnancy and in the early years of motherhood. A manpower analyst with the 1st Manpower Requirements Squadron, Sergeant Beinhower struggled to balance her maternity and parental duties with the deployments of her husband, Jesse, and her own TDYs.

She found out she was pregnant with Ethan, the first of their two sons, about the same time her husband deployed. They were stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

"I wasn't prepared, but I had a lot of friends and support at the base – and I had time to prepare," she said. "The family support center had a lot of programs, I read a lot of books and I attended classes through the Red Cross and the family support center. I also got lots of advice from the folks I worked with."

Sergeant Beinhower said her husband was back when Ethan was born, but he deployed again less than a year later.

"He deployed just before Ethan's first birthday," she said. "It was hard for him."

Though Sergeant Beinhower acknowledged that deployments and the times they are both away from Ethan and younger son Merrick make family life a challenge, she said they rely on teamwork and communication to meet their parental responsibilities.

"We talk about a situation and what we are going to do about it," she said. "We have one plan that we stick to. Communication with each other is big."

Sergeant Beinhower, an Oregon native, said one disadvantage of being a military parent is "not having a family close by."

But the Air Force provides security as well as resources, she said.

"Security is a big advantage because you know your family will always be taken care of," she said. "The resources we have are amazing. In England there was something going on for families every weekend."

At Randolph Sergeant Beinhower is an active parent at the child development center.

"I keep a close relationship with those folks," she said. "It makes me comfortable to leave my children there because there are good people running the program."

Lisa Hunt, who was in the Air Force for 11 years before retiring in 1997, was already out of the military when she and her husband, James, began their family. She said both her age and her experience in the military prepared her for the rigors of parenthood.

"I was in my 30s, so I had an advantage because I was older," she said. "Being in the military, I knew how to handle stress."

Ms. Hunt said her years in the Air Force also helped her become more patient.

"You have to wait a lot in the military," she said.

Still, Ms. Hunt had to deal with her husband's frequent deployments and TDYs. He was gone for 200 days during 1999, the year their first child, daughter Mabelle, was born in Japan while he was stationed at Misawa Air Base. She suffered from asthma and Ms. Hunt often took her to the emergency room.

Ms. Hunt, whose husband retired from the Air Force last month, now helps other families cope with

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Tech. Sgt. Kallie Beinhower

the deployments of their loved ones. She participates in the Key Spouse Program, a group of volunteers who serve as liaisons between the Airman and Family Readiness Flight and unit leadership and the families of deployed Airmen.

Ms. Hunt called

motherhood a learning experience.

"You just do what you have to do," she said. "You make mistakes and learn from them. Each child's different and you have to try to see them as individuals and encourage them on their level."

Ms. Hunt advises parents to "love your kids the way they are" and to take it easy on themselves.

"There's no perfect parent, so don't beat yourself up if you can't meet your expectations," she said.

Sergeant De Los Santos said her children give her "a sense of fulfillment."

"With children, there's newness every day and milestones to look forward to," she said. "It would be boring without children. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Sergeant Beinhower, who is expecting her third son this month, concurs.

"It's the most rewarding thing in the world for me – just being there all day with the boys," she said. "It's an adventure. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

FEATURE

Two-time Airman of the Year honored by New Braunfels Chamber

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

It wasn't a surprise that Senior Airman Jennifer Booth felt a touch of déjà vu May 1 while being honored by the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce as Randolph Airman of the Year. After all, she'd stood at the same spot and received the same award the year before.

Guests at this year's reception included Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, Air Force Personnel Center commander; Chief Master Sgt. Richard Kaiser, AFPC command chief; and Col. James Sohan, 12th Mission Support Group commander, as well as many dignitaries from the New Braunfels Chamber.

The 28-year-old assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center here has made a habit of garnering awards since she first arrived at Randolph in April 2006. She's been Airman of the Year in the Junior Enlisted Member category for AFPC and Randolph Air Force Base in 2006 and 2007. She's been a member of the Randolph Honor Guard since October 2006 and is currently a Randolph Ambassador.

Originally from North Carolina where her father is an Air Force veteran, Airman Booth graduated from North Forsyth High School in 1998 and in 2003 earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. After working as a social worker, she just felt her life was incomplete.

"The military was always an option for me," she said. "My dad was in the Air Force, so I'd been on bases for air shows and grew up around air planes

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Senior Airman Jennifer Booth
Randolph Air Force Base Ambassador

all of my life. Once my brother enlisted and I was exposed to more Air Force life and structure, I felt that this was my calling – this is what I wanted to do."

After enlisting in the Delayed Enlistment Program in June 2005, she left for basic training on Dec. 27. In March 2006 she graduated from technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as a personnelist. Although she hasn't been at AFPC for long, she's made the most of her experience.

"All the recognition has been a surprise," she said. "But I love Randolph. This is definitely one of the best assignments one could have in the Air Force."

It's been a busy couple of years. In October 2006, she joined the Randolph Honor Guard for an 18-month tour. She became head trainer in January 2007.

"I feel it's a huge call to duty," she said. "Everybody should join the Honor Guard once during their career. It's a huge honor. It's taught me so much about the Air Force and given me so many opportunities to interact for that last time with Air Force families."

One of her most enduring memories of her time on the honor guard was the first active-duty funeral she performed at.

"It was tough," she said. "The active-duty member was my age or maybe even younger. But it was an honor."

As a Randolph Ambassador, Airman Booth had another opportunity to interact with communities on and off base. Along with Senior Airman Vikas Kumar from the 12th Medical Group, Airman Booth attended more than 60 events in 10 days during the recent San Antonio Fiesta.

"It's the best thing that's happened to me since I've been at Randolph," she said. "I'm getting to experience something most will never know. I've met some powerful, influential people doing great things for San Antonio. And along the way I've learned a lot about the city and its culture."

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Photos by Don Lindsey

Senior Airmen Vikas Kumar (left) and Jennifer Booth are Randolph Air Force Base Ambassadors. They represented Randolph at the Air Education and Training Command Fiesta reception at the Randolph Officers Club here April 17th.

community on and off base and serve as a representative of Randolph and the Air Force," she continued. "There were lots of 10-hour days during Fiesta, but they were all worth it. I urge anyone who has the opportunity to be an Ambassador to go for it."

Although incredibly busy, Airman Booth still has time to make plans for the future. She plans on working on her master's in health administration degree either this fall or next spring. She'll be testing for promotion to staff sergeant soon and would like to apply for Officer Training School as well.

"If I'm selected, I hope to stay in Personnel," she said. "But if I'm not, I plan on reenlisting."

She has praise for the New Braunfels Chamber, even as they honor her.

"They've been supporting the military for 40 years as sponsors for the Airman of the Year/Quarter category," she said. "They're awesome people."



As an Ambassador to Randolph Air Force Base, Senior Airman Jennifer Booth waves to the crowd gathered along San Antonio's River Walk April 21st during the Texas Cavaliers River Parade. Airman Booth was recently recognized by the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce as their Randolph Airman of the Year.

SPORTS and FITNESS

IN THE RUNNING

Three-peat *Randolph girls going for third straight state track title in Austin this weekend*

By David DeKunder
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph High School Lady Ro-Hawks track team will be gunning for its third consecutive Class 2A state title this weekend at the UIL State Track and Field Championships in Austin.

Meet events start today at 9 a.m. at the University of Texas' Mike A. Meyers Stadium as boys and girls athletes from Class A to 5A compete against each other. The two-day meet goes into Saturday with the last event being run off at 8:05 p.m.

Randolph girls will have five athletes competing at state in two individual events and three relays. Junior Jasmine Kent in the long

jump and senior Jayla McArthur in the 400-meter run. The Lady Ro-Hawks have qualified their 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams for the meet.

Kent will be the first Randolph athlete to start her competition today in the long jump at 1:30 p.m. She won the event with a leap of 17 feet, 9 inches at the Region IV-2A meet two weeks ago in San Marcos, Texas.

Saturday Lady Ro-Hawk athletes will compete in the four remaining events. At noon the 400-meter relay team of McArthur, Caitlin Carter, Kent and Sydney Solomon, the defending state champions in the event, are scheduled to run against seven schools. The 800-meter relay

team of Kent, Carter, Tamoya Morrison and Solomon will run at 1:25 p.m.

McArthur, who won the 400-meter run at last year's state meet, will defend her title when the race starts at 1:45 p.m. The last event for the Randolph girls, the 1,600-meter relay, is scheduled to begin at 3:05 p.m. The 1,600-meter relay team of Kent, Morrison, Solomon and McArthur will go for the Lady Ro-Hawks' second consecutive state title in the event.

State meet ticket prices are \$10 per session for adults, \$5 per session for students. There are four sessions at the meet: 9 a.m. today, 6 p.m. today, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Saturday.

Lady RoHawk Track Schedule

The following is the schedule of Class 2A events Randolph girls will be competing in today and Saturday at the UIL Track and Field Championships in Austin.

Today

- 1:30 p.m. – Long jump, Jasmine Kent.

Saturday

- Noon – 400-meter relay of Jayla McArthur, Caitlin Carter, Jasmine Kent and Sydney Solomon.
- 1:25 p.m. – 800-meter relay of Jasmine Kent, Caitlin Carter, Tamoya Morrison and Sydney Solomon.
- 1:45 p.m. – 400-meter run, Jayla McArthur.
- 3:05 p.m. – 1,600-meter relay of Jasmine Kent, Tamoya Morrison, Sydney Solomon and Jayla McArthur.

Randolph High siblings compete at state golf tournament

By David DeKunder
Wingspread staff writer

Two Randolph High School golfers had respectable showings in their first state tournament earlier this week.

Brother and sister Jared and Jessica Cornish finished in the top 20 and top 30, respectively, at the Class 2A state golf championship held Monday and Tuesday at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

Jared, a senior, finished 17th in the boys division with a total score of 163 by shooting a 79 in the first round and an 84 in the second. Jessica, a junior, ended up 27th in the girls division with a first round score of 94 and an 87 in the second, for a total of 181.

Jared and Jessica were the first Randolph golfers to advance to state since the early 1990s.

Randolph coach, Mike Miller, said before the state tournament he hoped both brother and sister would have good memories of state.

"I look forward to them having a good time and enjoying the experience, which is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Miller said.

Before teeing off his first shot at state, Jared said he went in with the attitude that he was not going to hold anything back while on the course.

"Since I am a senior, I can't say that I have until next year," he said. "I need to go out there and leave it on the course."



Courtesy photo

Randolph High golf team members Jessica and Jared Cornish represented their school at the Class 2A state golf championships Monday in Austin.

Jared and Jessica advanced to state after finishing as the second-place boys and girls individual qualifiers, respectively, at the Region IV-2A tournament held in San Marcos, Texas, at Quail Creek Country Club April 21-22.

At the regional tournament, Jared earned his ticket to state with a 73 in the first round and a 79 in the second, for a total of 152. He ended up five strokes behind the first-place individual qualifier, Douglas Mach of Boling, Texas, who finished with 147.

Jared said his putting game enabled him to shoot a 73 the first day and finish strong on the back nine in the second round at the regional tournament.

"I wanted to keep my scores in the 70s," he said. "The first day I was nervous on the first holes, but I started to shoot some birdies and I got into a groove. I had six birdies that day, so that helped."

Jessica came on strong the second day of the regional tournament by improving her first day score by six strokes. She shot a 94 in the first round and came back with an 88 in the second, for a total of 182. Jessica's second day finish was enough for her to beat out another girl by one stroke for the final state individual qualifier spot.

Miller said Jessica was not bothered by her struggles early in the regional tournament and was able to pull herself together in the second round.

"She had a lot of confidence in herself and used her course management well," Miller said. "If she made a bad shot, she took her medicine and went on to the next shot."

Contact the Wingspread at 652-5760 or randolph.wingspread@randolph.af.mil with your sports story ideas

May

Group Exercise Class Schedule at the Rambler Fitness Center



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
6 a.m. - Cycling	6 a.m. - Step	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Step/Weights	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Kick Boxing
9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Pilates
11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Srs. Strength	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Seniors	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Zumba
Noon - Kick/Flex	11 a.m. - Step	4 p.m. - Power Yoga	11 a.m. - Step	5:15 p.m. - Yoga	
5 p.m. - Super/Step	5 p.m. - Pilates	5 p.m. - Combo	5 p.m. - Cardio/Sculpt	6:30 p.m. - Kick Boxing	
5:15 p.m. - Cycling	6 p.m. - Zumba	5:15 p.m. - Cycling	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing		
6 p.m. - Yoga	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing	6 p.m. - B-Toning			
7 p.m. - Kick Boxing					

For more information on any of the exercise classes, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

Sports BRIEFS

Fitness Day Half Marathon

The Rambler Fitness center is hosting their first half-marathon (12 miles) Saturday at 7 a.m. at Eberle Park.

Air Force Marathon

Air Education and Training Command is looking for runners to be on the AETC team for the Air Force marathon, which is in October at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Interested parties may fill out an AF Form 303 and submit it to Rick Prado at the Rambler Fitness Center.

Softball players needed

The Rambler Fitness Center is looking for varsity-level softball players, both men and women. If interested, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Mumaw at dwayne.mumaw@randolph.af.mil.

Varsity softball teams

The fitness center is accepting applications for the men's and women's varsity softball teams. The applicant must be available for all games and practices. The season runs from August

through January. Each team will consist of 2/3's active-duty members and will compete in local leagues and tournaments.

Volleyball registration

Register for the girls' volleyball summer leagues, ages 9-18, through May 30 at the youth center.

America's Kids Run

The America's Kids Run will takes place May 17 at 9 a.m. at Eberle Park.

Five-and 6-year-old children will run a half-mile, 7-and 8-year-olds will run one mile, and 9-to 13-year-olds will run two miles. They will receive an America's Kids Run T-shirt. This is a FitFactor event.

Call the Randolph Youth Center at 652-2088 for more information.

Nite Hoops registration

Register for Nite Hoops Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 30. Nite Hoops is free for youth center members ages 13-18.

Participants must have a current physical. The Nite Hoops league runs June 1 through Aug. 4.

Call the youth center at 652-2088 for more information.

Volleyball clinic registration

Registration for the June volleyball clinic for girls ages 10-18 years old takes place Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 31.

The cost is \$40 plus activity fee or current membership. The clinic runs from May 31 to June 4 and is limited to 60 participants.

Sports and cheerleading

All sports and cheerleading participants must have a current sports physical and either a current Randolph Youth Center membership or paid activity fee.

All participants must present valid proof of age, i.e. birth certificate or military ID card.

Registration is now though July 31. For cost information, call the youth center at 652-2088.



Solution to puzzle on page 5.

Deployed from Randolph?

If you are currently deployed from Randolph or recently returned from deployment, we would like to highlight your deployment experience, including photos, in the Wingspread.

E-mail the Wingspread at
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